

The mission of the **Environmental Permits Division** is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of Mississippians through focused research and responsible regulation while fostering wise economic growth.

Mississippi
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of
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

Environmental Considerations For Your Business

A Plain Language Pre-Application Guide

MDEQ *strives to preserve and protect
Mississippi's air, land, and water
through fair and responsible regulation.*

The questions contained within this booklet are designed to help small and medium sized businesses prepare to discuss their project with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Additionally, these questions will aid in identifying issues that may delay the authorization process.



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The ***Plain Language Pre-Application Guide*** was designed by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (**MDEQ**) to help small and medium businesses evaluate the possible environmental issues associated with business operations. By careful consideration of the questions contained in this booklet, you will help the **MDEQ** permitting staff to quickly identify areas of your business that may require authorization from the **MDEQ**. Further, your thoughtful responses could decrease the permitting process time by identifying and resolving problems that could delay the permitting process.

The guide is not intended as a formal application nor as a limiting factor in the design of your business. After identifying the business operations that require authorization from the **MDEQ**, the permitting staff will provide you with the right applications for your business operations. These applications should be completed as required and submitted to **MDEQ**. Regardless of your answers within this booklet and initial discussions with **MDEQ** permitting staff, if your business proposal changes or the overall operations of your business change, the **MDEQ** will re-evaluate your business' need for environmental permitting.

Each of the questions contained within this booklet was written to promote easier communication between you and the permitting staff. If you find any of the questions confusing or are unsure of what the question refers to, please contact Michelle Vinson at **601-961-5040**.



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REMINDER
Have this booklet with you when you call **MDEQ.**

For general comments or questions about the effect of environmental permitting issues regarding your business, you can contact the Small and Medium Business Permitting Assistance Line by calling **Michelle Vinson at 601-961-5040** or through e-mail at Michelle_Vinson@deq.state.ms.us.

*The Environmental Permits Division is divided into sections by business groupings.
The following is a brief description of the sections.*



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Timber & Wood Products

logging, wood products, furniture,
paper products



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**Chemical
Manufacturing**

rubber, plastics,
soaps, inks



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Energy & Transportation

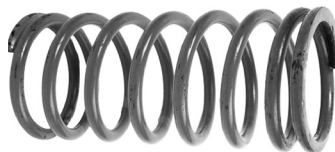
warehousing, natural gas
distribution, oil drilling



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Municipal & Private Facilities

mobile home parks, RV parks, retail stores, hotels



Marc Wyatt • 601-961-5367

Metals & Metal Manufacturing

hand tooling, metal doors, wire springs



Bryan Collins • 601-961-5239

Agricultural

hog farms, chicken farms, cotton ginning



**Billy Warden
601-961-5047**

Solid Waste & Mining

gravel mining & washing,
rubbish disposal,
waste transfer stations



**Tim Parrish
601-961-5169**

Construction & Building Materials

carpentry, asphalt plants, concrete plants

**Harry Wilson
601-961-5190**

**Service & Miscellaneous
Industries**

newspaper publishing, auto
repairs & maintenance, dry
cleaners, gas stations,
funeral homes



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1. What type of business do you want to start?

7. When do you plan on starting your business?

8. Do you have or have you had any other authorizations from the MDEQ?

9. Will you own or lease the land for your business?

10. Do you own any other businesses within a ten mile radius of this business?

11. Do you have any unresolved legal matters?

24. Will your business accept waste or trash from others for disposal?

25. How will you dispose of trash at your business?

26. Will your business practices involve the disposal or processing of hazardous waste?

27. Will there be fumes, exhausts or odors coming from your business?

28. Do you plan on using any solvents, acids, de-greasers or other similar chemicals in your business? If so, how much of these chemicals do you estimate using?

29. Do you know of any reason that information given to the MDEQ cannot be shared with the general public?

18. Do you know the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for your business?

19. What is the distance from your business to the nearest wastewater treatment and collection system?

20. Does the location for your business have any lakes, ponds, streams or marsh areas nearby?

21. Will you need access to local water sources for your operations?

22. Will you need to dispose of waste liquids created during normal business operations?

23. Will your business need to dispose of sanitary sewage?

12. Could there be opposition to your business from your neighbors?

13. Has your financial institution requested an environmental study?

14. Has any other business ever been operated by you or anyone else at your proposed business location?

15. Is your property listed with the Natural Heritage Program or the Department of Archives and History?

16. During the construction of your business, how much land will be disturbed?

17. Will you hire another company to manage your business?
